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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN *LMR*

DATE: November 29, 1993

SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
November 29, 1993
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 1993
2. Dean's Report
3. Retreat Aftermath
4. Visitor Positions
5. ABA Accreditation Committee Report
6. Computer Problems
7. New Business

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Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
Dean's Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Anspach, Bergman, Desiderio, Ellis, W., Fort, Gill, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Martinez, J., Mathewson, Norwood, Romero, Sanders, Scheible, Taylor, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Zuni.

Student Representatives: Alaniz, Leavengood

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the November 1, 1993, meeting were approved as written.

Dean's Report:

Dean Romero announced that Dean Peter Winograd has been appointed to the Commission on the Financing of Legal Education: Balancing Mission and Resources. The Commission is to consider all issues regarding financing of legal education, including resources available to legal education and from what sources these resources are obtained. Dean Winograd's appointment to this Commission is a credit to him and to the Law School.

The Health Law Moot Court Team informed Dean Romero by letter that one team made it to the quarterfinals of the national competition and the other team was recognized for its especially good brief. Team members were Elizabeth Floersheim, David Johnson, Fred Kennon, Elizabeth Wu and Richard Yee. Coaches were Pam Lambert and Rob Schwartz.

The Tax CLE program put together by Scott Taylor was very successful and raised approximately \$2,000 for the purchase of tax books for the Law Library.

The American Bar Association's Central and East European Law Initiative (CEELI) is looking for attorneys, judges, and law professors to fill positions in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union for a period of six months to a year. Information and list of positions will be available from Margaret Banek in the Dean's office.

Dean Romero has received calls for papers from the Buffalo Journal of Public Interest Law, Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy, and the Widener Journal of Public Law.

The Colorado Board of Law Examiners is looking for faculty members interested in drafting bar exam essay questions. The Board will pay \$150 for each question which meets the drafting guidelines, and an additional \$100 if the question is used on an exam.

The 1993 Distinguished Achievement Award Dinner organized by Jan Hosea was a huge success with 525 guests in attendance. Dean Romero thanked Jan Hosea for her work in making this event a success and the faculty members who supported the dinner by purchasing tickets and hosting tables. Dean Romero also read a note of thanks from a first-year student who attended the dinner, Dianna Luce.

Various deanships and faculty positions were announced. Additional information about these positions is available in the Dean's office.

Dean Romero reminded the faculty that exams are to be given to Janet Cox five days before the exam is scheduled. Grades are due January 20, and students need to receive their grades in a timely manner, especially when they have applied for scholarships.

Dean Romero announced that Garrett Flickinger, who is retiring, will be teaching his last class on November 30, and requested that as many faculty members as possible try to come for the last few minutes of the class to wish him well and to present him with a cake.

Dean Romero reported the deaths of Roberta Price's mother and Annita Ready's mother over the past few days.

Retreat Aftermath:

Dean Ruth Kovnat remarked on the excellent discussions at the retreat and reported that she will be preparing a written report.

At the retreat, future directions of the clinic were discussed. The committee will meet on December 9. The goal is to focus on the content of the clinical block and to use DOE grant money for planning and transition. Dean Kovnat reported that a great deal of interest was generated in the actual craft of teaching, and that there would be a follow-up program at the faculty luncheons. Topics which did not receive full discussion at the retreat (part-time legal program, summer law school, and class attendance and grades) will be the subject of faculty meetings in the spring semester.

Visiting Professor Positions:

Dean Romero announced that Jim Liebman has been offered a visiting position, but he has not given the Law School an answer yet. He would prefer to come during the calendar year of 1995. Dean Romero will be checking with Anne Thomas of Equal Opportunity Programs to see if any problem exists in changing the offer from the 1994-95 academic year (the period set forth in the ad) to the 1995 calendar year. This would also mean that the Law School would have a vacancy in the fall semester of 1994.

A second visiting position, which is in the clinical program because of Angela Martinez's resignation, has been filled. There were two people in the pool who had previously taught in the clinical program. Upon Jose Martinez's recommendation, Dean Romero offered the position to Kathryn Pearson. She has accepted and will start in the spring of 1994.

The third visiting position, teaching Advocacy and Juvenile Law in the spring semester, has been offered to Jenny Hall.

Professor Robert Desiderio reported that applicant files for the tenure-track position are being read and reviewed, but that it will take the committee until the beginning of the next semester to complete the screening.

ABA Accreditation Report:

Dean Romero has sent copies of the report to Provost Coleman, Vice President Mc Kinney, and President Peck and has requested meetings with each of them to request additional resources for the Law School.

Computer Problems:

The computer system is experiencing more demand than capacity, and the Law School needs to purchase the computer we now have on loan and to add memory. Dean Romero met with Provost Mary Sue Coleman to discuss the problem and the students' petition, and she has committed \$20,000 to the Law school for the purchase of the computer. Mike Norwood stated that in the meantime he is trying to maintain the status quo, and asked for extra vigilance by the faculty and staff to keep things running smoothly. There will be a rush at the end of the exam period, and it is recommended that people try to get their work done earlier and use their own personal computers or those in other computer pods around campus.

Announcements:

Dean Peter Winograd announced that we will have a potluck for the holiday party and that faculty members will be asked to donate for gift certificates for the staff.

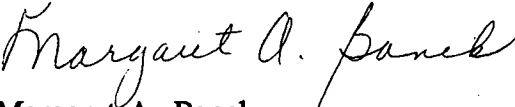
Professor Bob Desiderio asked about the possibility of doing away with Fall Break and going back to the old schedule. The issue will be referred to a committee for review.

Joe Leavengood reported that the UNM Crimestoppers group is asking to meet with students regarding security concerns.

Jose Martinez announced that Barbara Bergman received the 1993 Richard S. Jacobson award for Excellence in the Teaching of Trial Advocacy.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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